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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Revised versions of all Figures are provided in the attached replacement sheets 1-22, in order to comply with the Draftperson's objections as expressed in the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review dated February 16, 2000 (Paper No. 10).

In order to comply with the objection to the size of the reference numerals, replacement sheets for every drawing sheet have been provided. Also, with respect to particular figures, portions of former Figure 10A has been redesignated as Figures 10A-10H, and former Figures 10B and 10C have been redesignated Figures 10I and 10J, respectively. Similarly, portions of former Figure 20A have been redesignated as Figures 20A-20F, and former Figure 20B has been redesignated as Figure 20G. In addition, portions of former Figure 21B have been redesignated as Figures 21B and 21C, and portions of former Figure 21C have been redesignated as Figures 21D and 21E.

Hand drawn corrections, which were in the figures as originally filed, have been formalized in Figures 1A, 5A, 11B, and 19.

In Figure 15A, the arc representing the 45° angle has been revised to properly reflect the angle made, in accordance with the specification (see, *e.g.*, Page 26 of the specification). In Figure 17C, certain of reference numerals 1762 and 1764 have been corrected to 1766, in accordance with the specification (see, *e.g.*, Pages 29-30 of the specification). In Figure 19, reference numerals 1920 and 1916 have been switched, in accordance with the specification (see, *e.g.*, Page 32 of the specification).

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1-22
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

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REMARKS

This amendment is filed along with the payment of the issue fee, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.312. The replacement drawings are necessitated by the requirement in the Notice of Allowance to submit replacement drawings which satisfy the objections outlined in the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (Paper No. 10), and the amendments to the specification are needed to secure substantial correspondence between the specification and the replacement drawings. Applicant notes that the portions of the specification relating to redesignated Figures 10A-10J and 20A-20G were previously amended in Applicant's Amendment Submitted With Request for Continued Examination, Pages 7-10, submitted November 13, 2001, and thus, no additional amendments to those portions of the specification are required to conform with the drawings.

Thus, Applicant submits that the amendments to the drawings and the written description do not contain any new matter, nor do they require an additional search or affect the patentability of the invention. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the replacement drawings and amendments to the specification.

Finally, Applicant hereby directs the Examiner's attention to Applicant's "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance" on the next page.

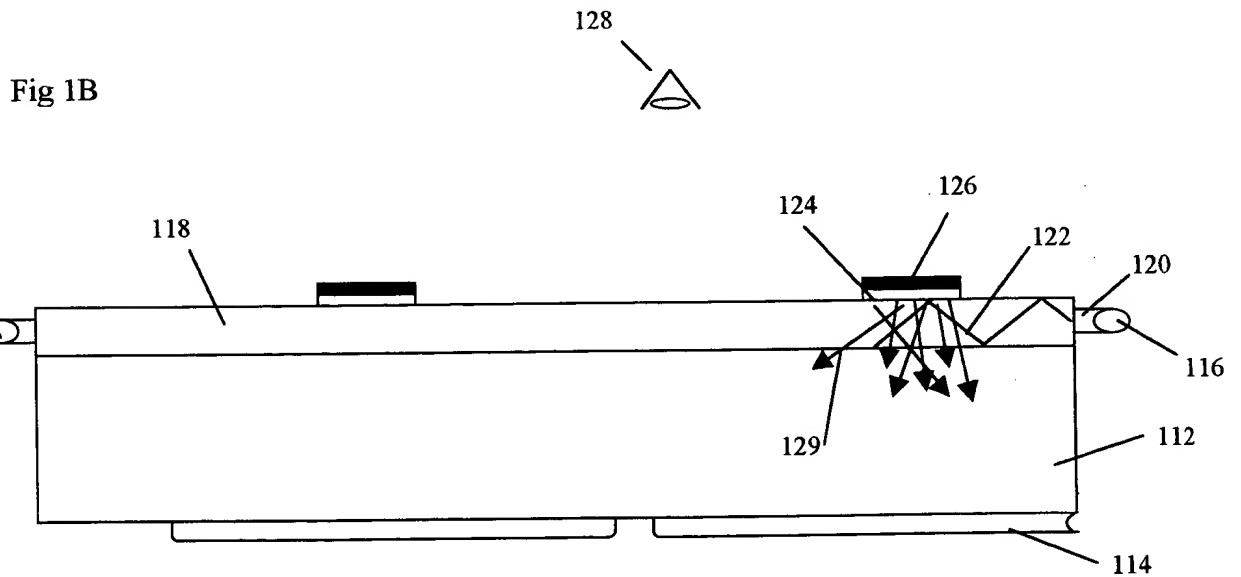
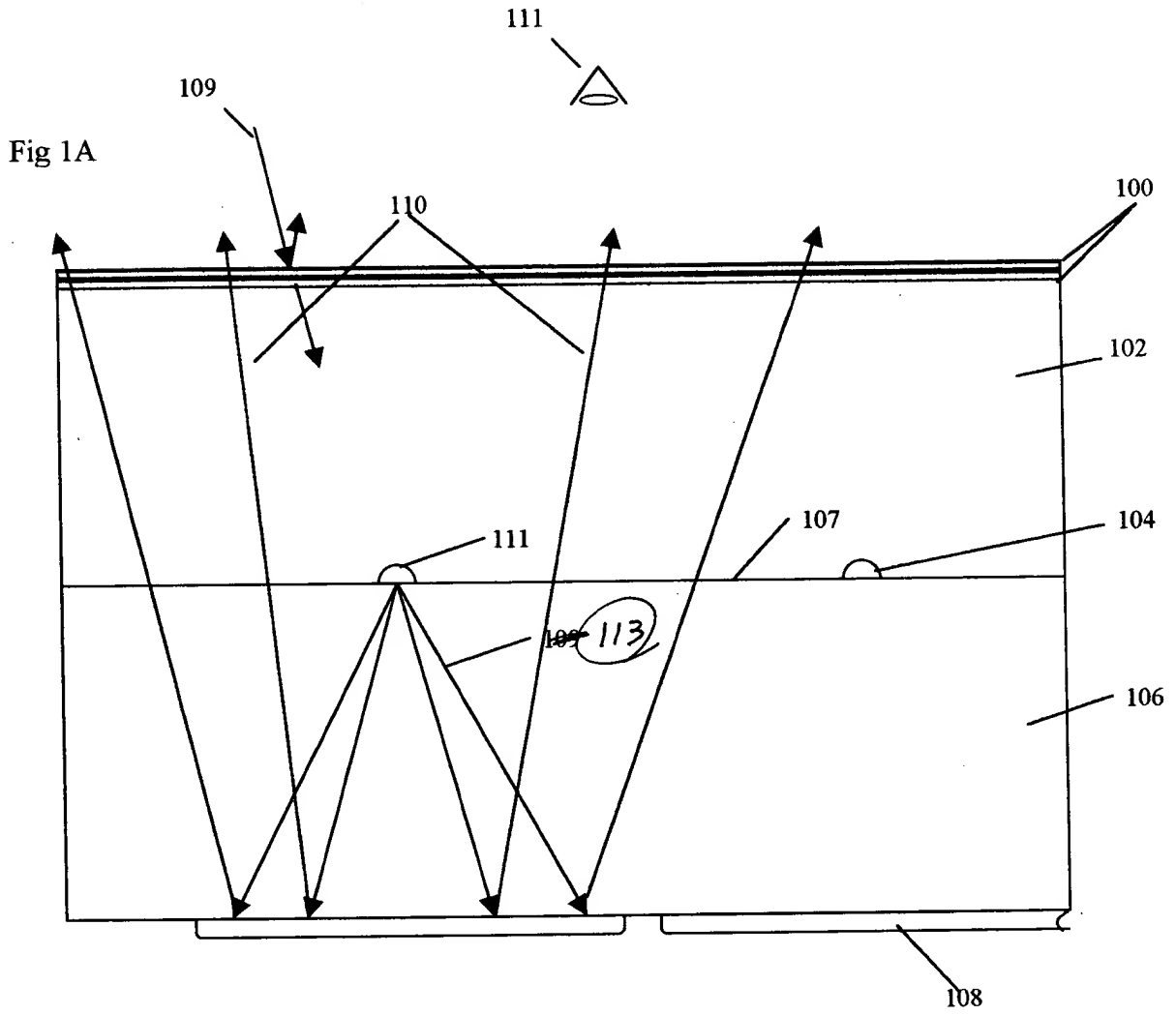


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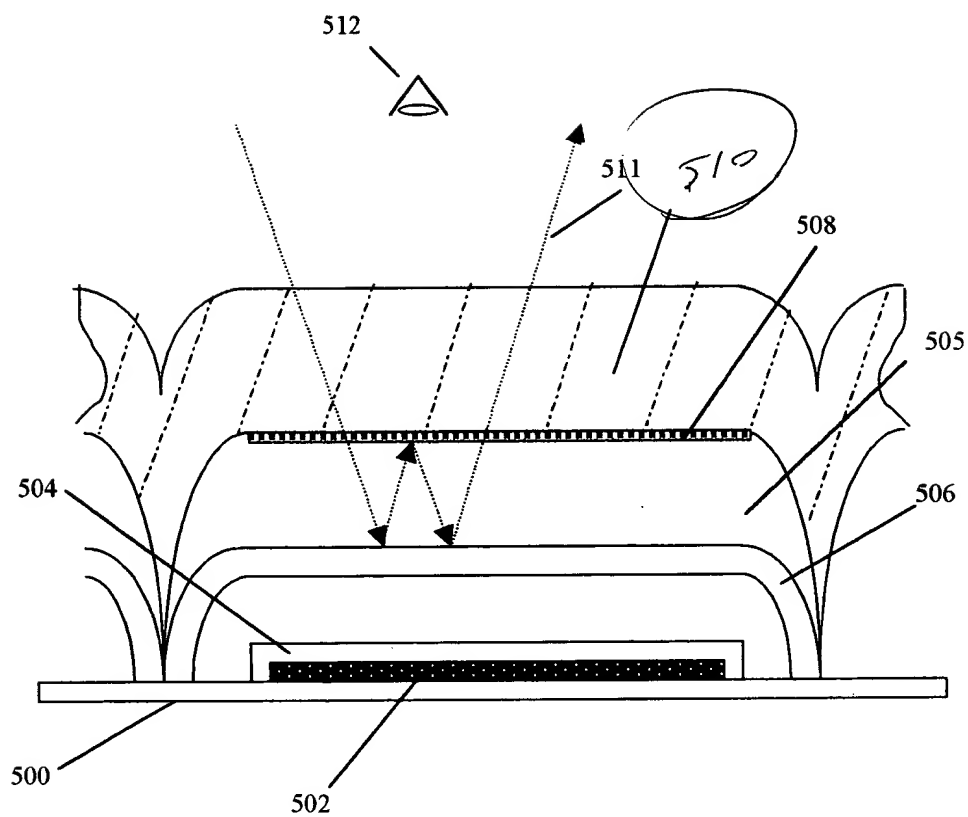
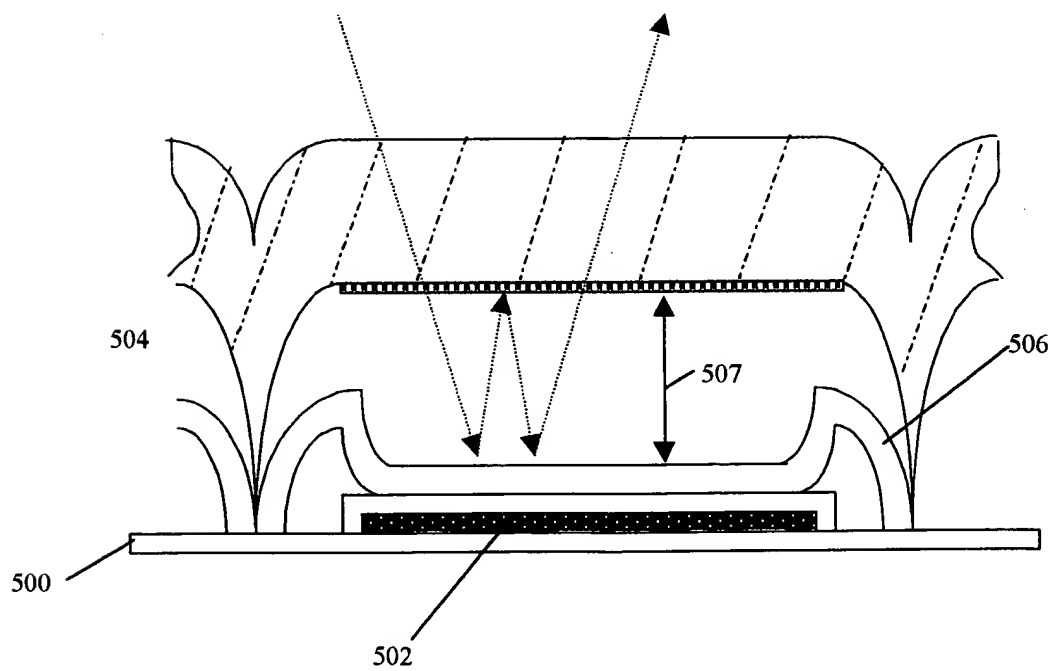


Fig. 5B



~~Fig. 10A~~

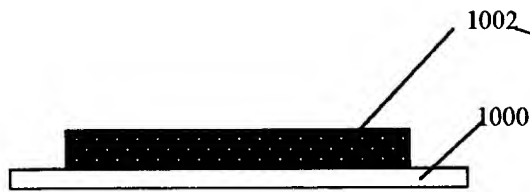


Figure 10A

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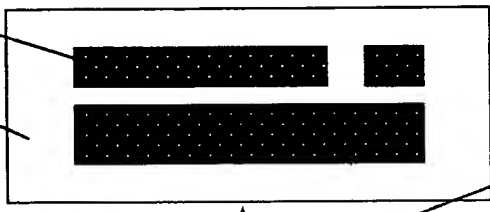


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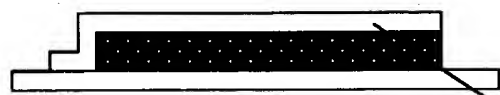


Figure 10C

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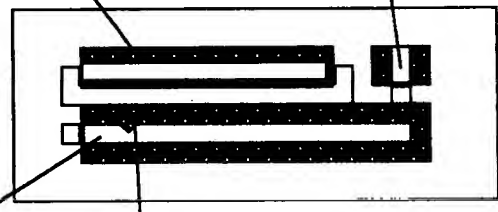


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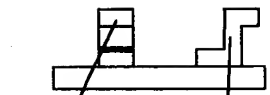


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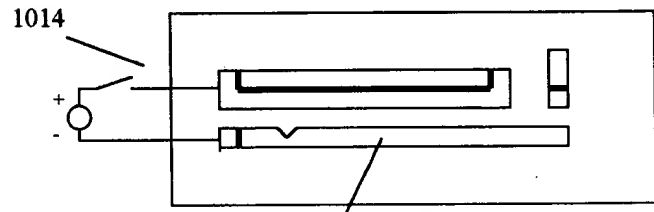


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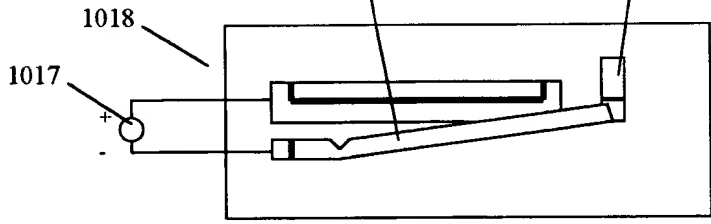


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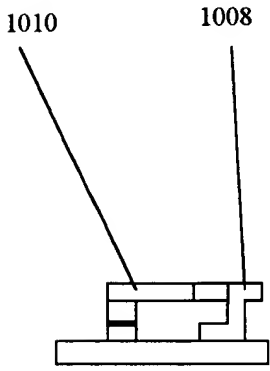


Figure 10G



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~~Fig. 10B~~

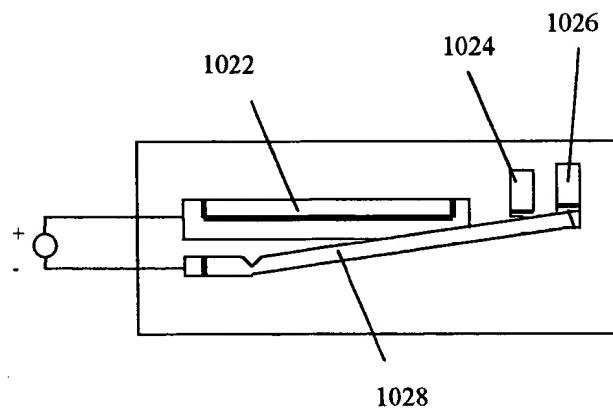


Figure 10I

~~Fig. 10C~~

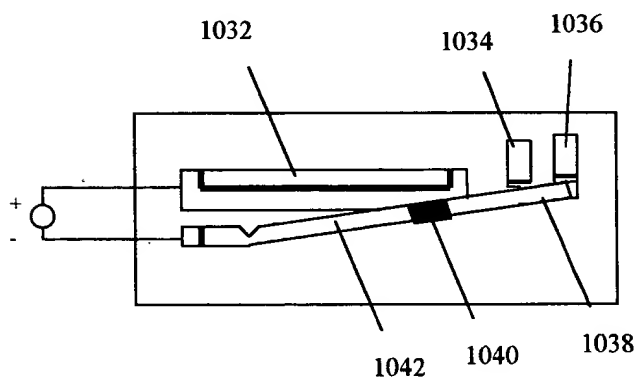


Figure 10J

Fig. 11A

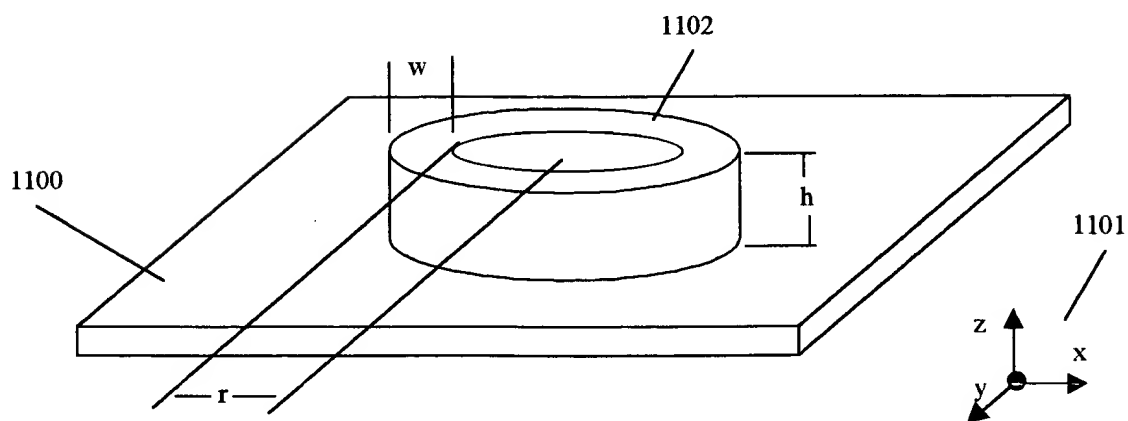


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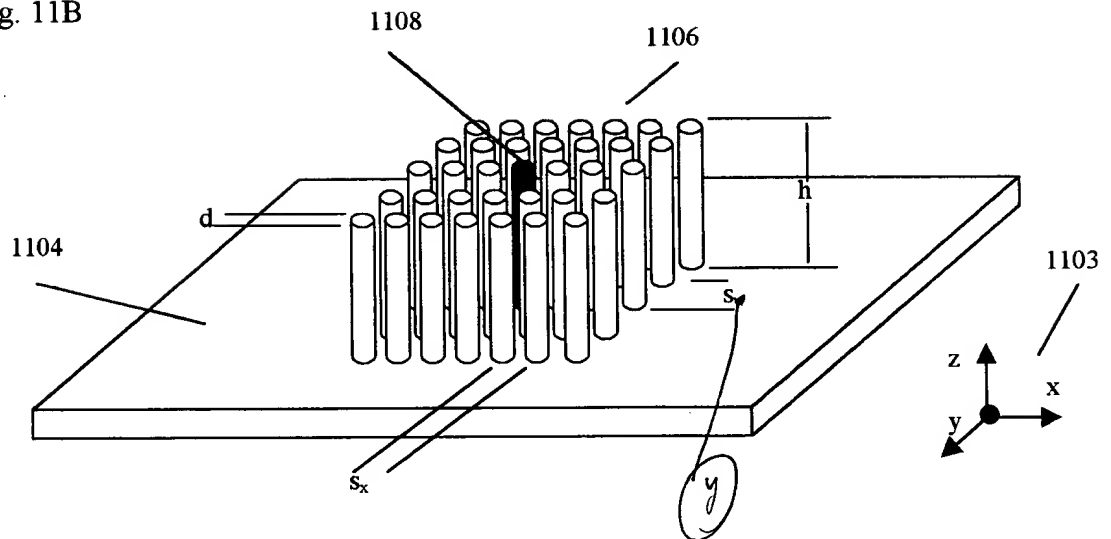
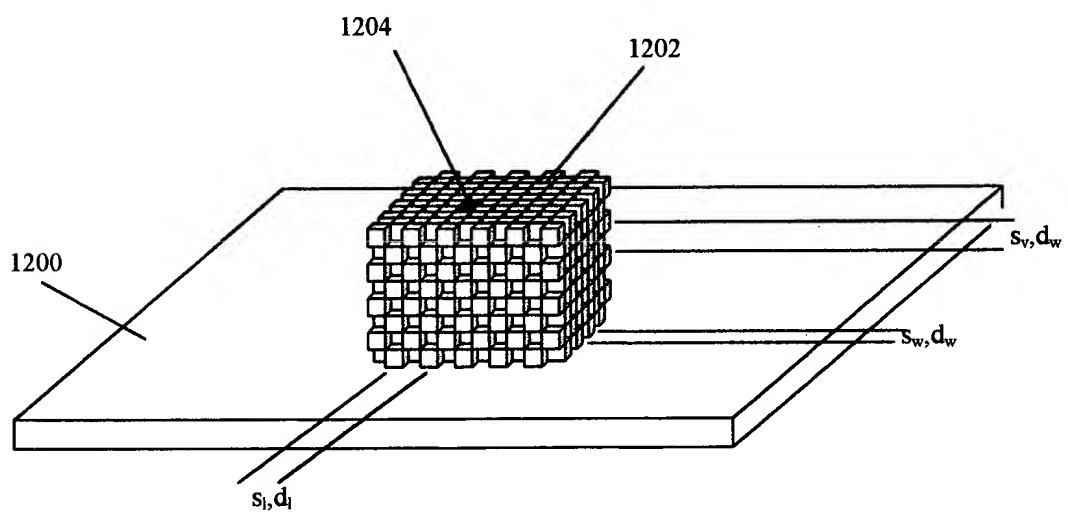


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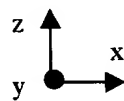
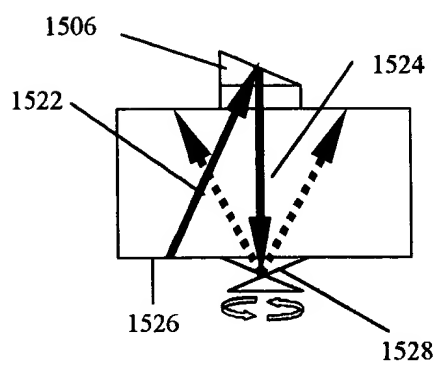
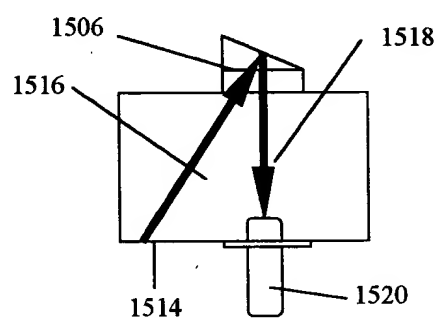
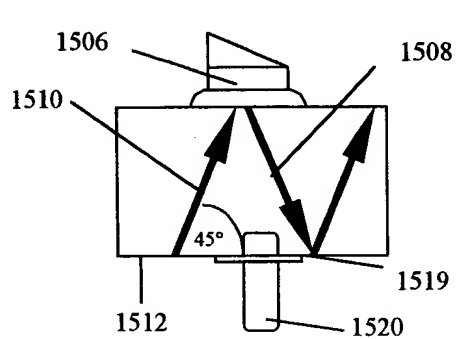
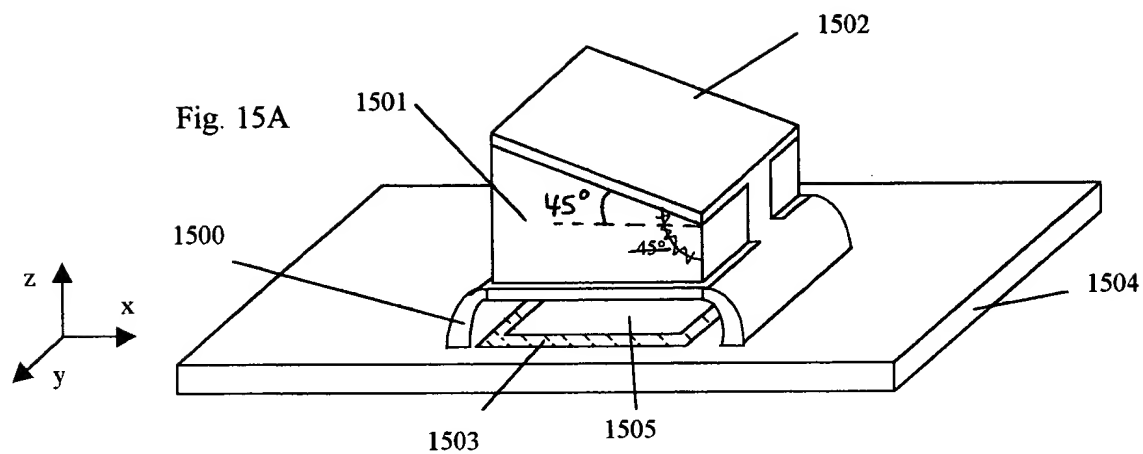


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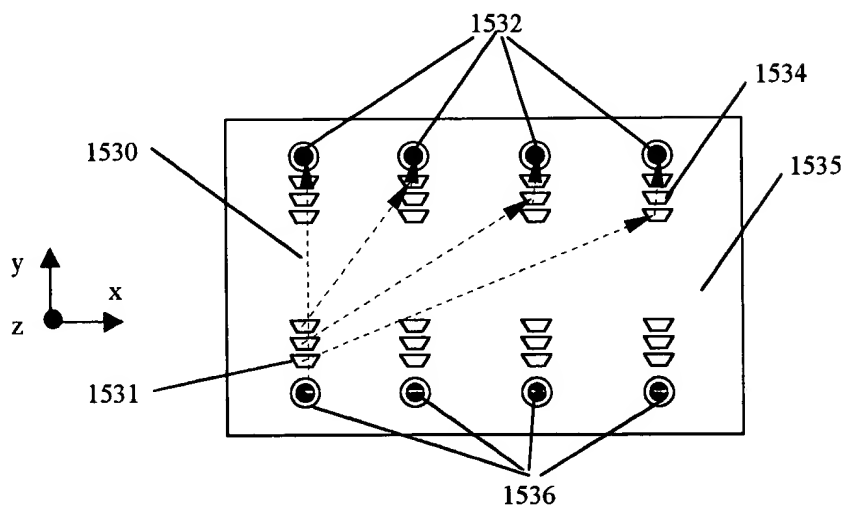


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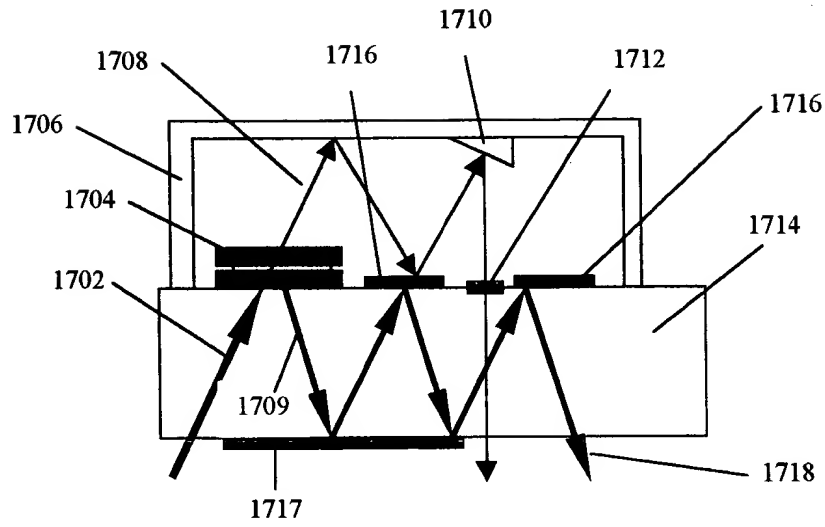


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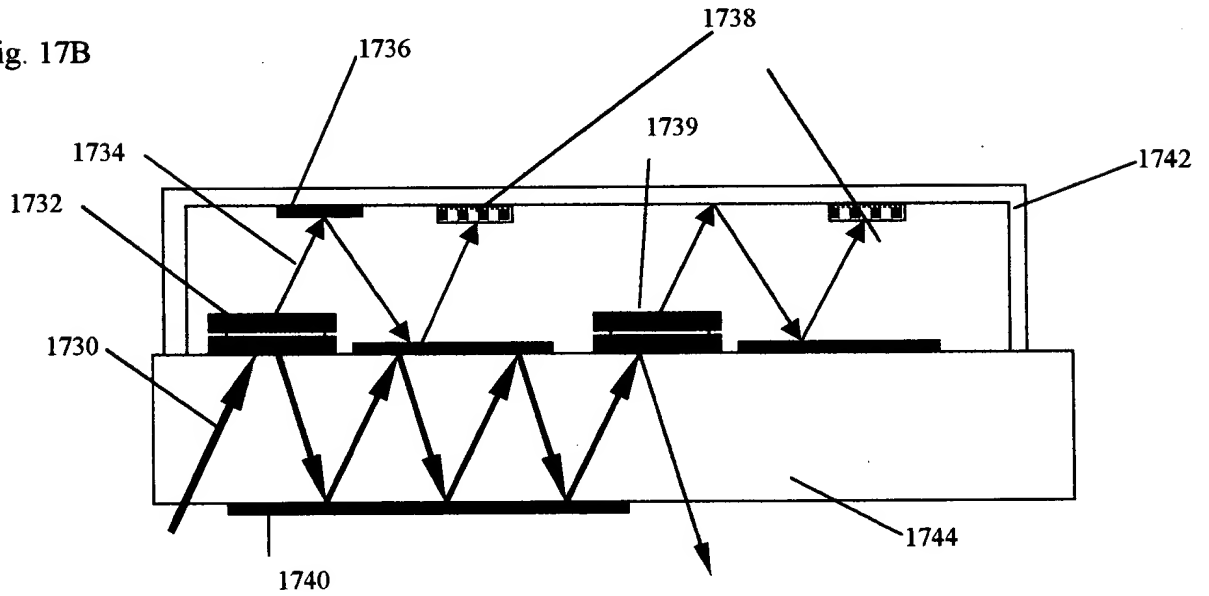


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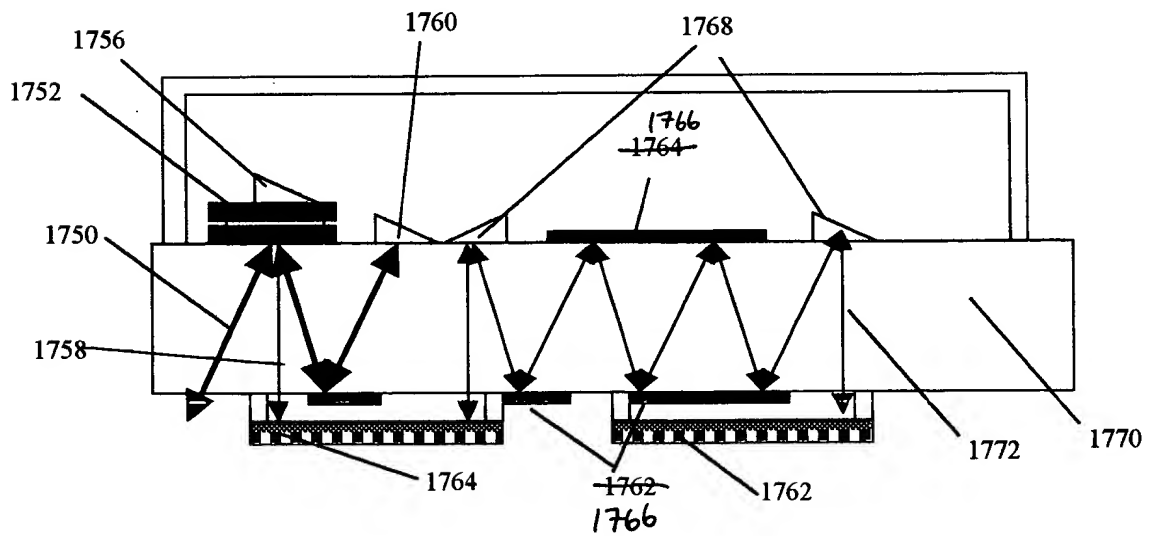
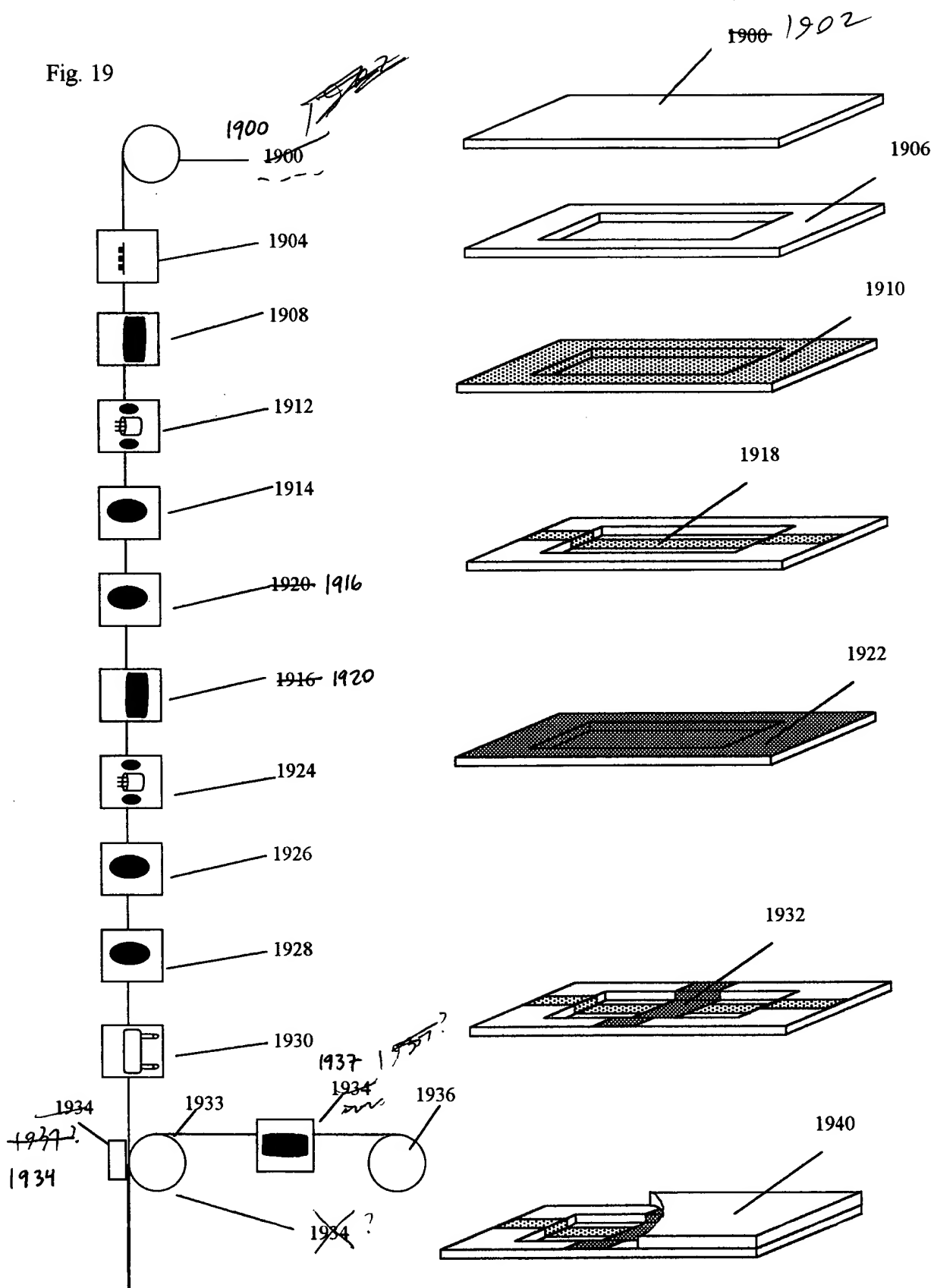


Fig. 19



Side View

Bottom View

~~Fig. 20A~~

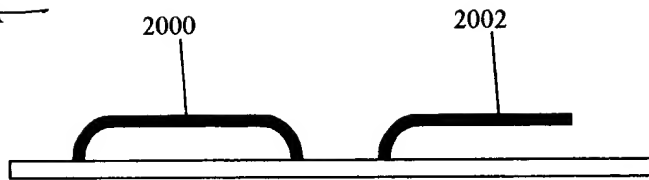


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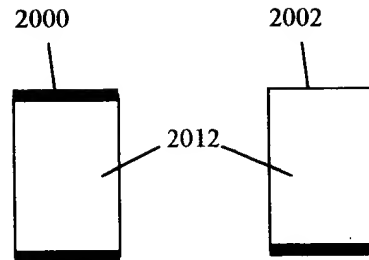


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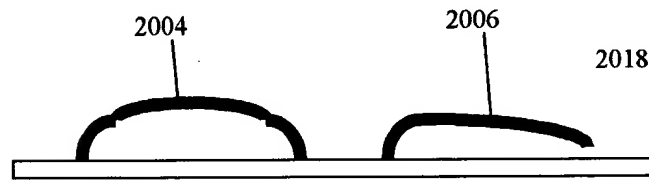


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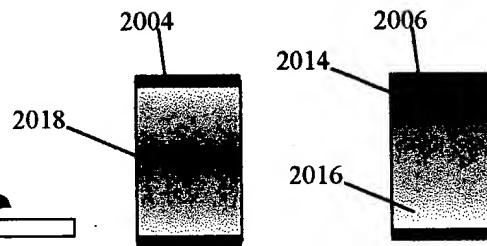


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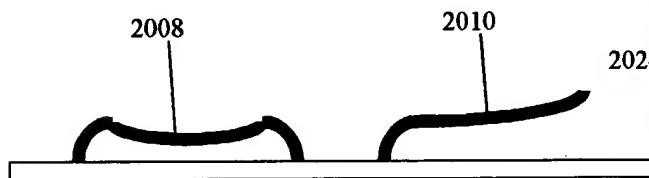


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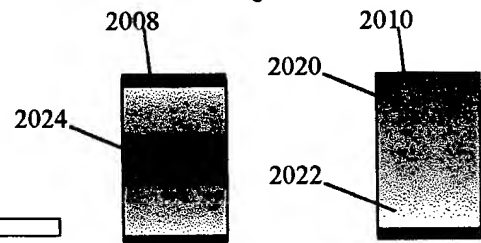


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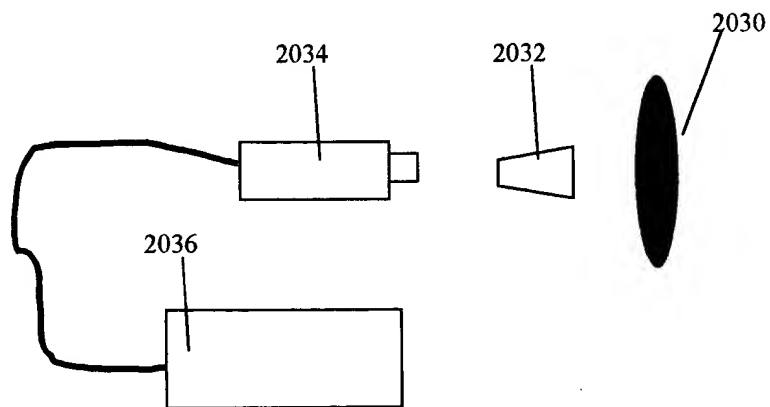
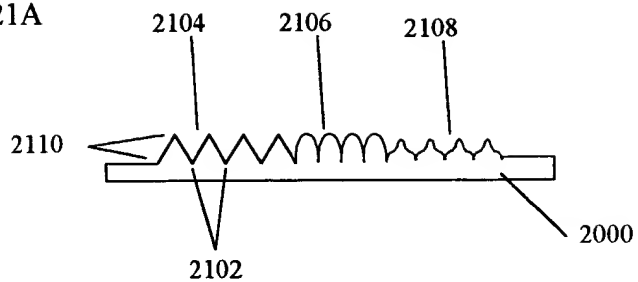


Figure 20G

Fig. 21A



~~Fig. 21B~~

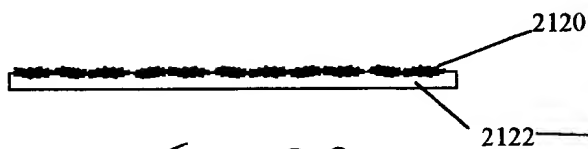


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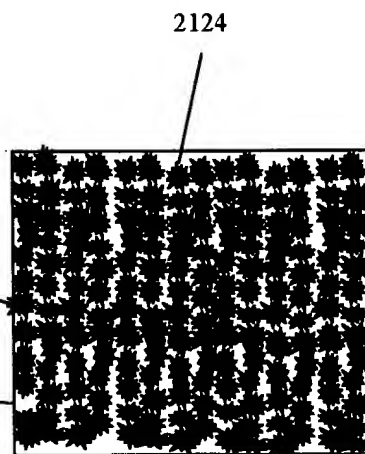


Figure 21C

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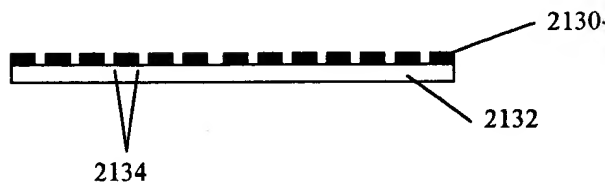


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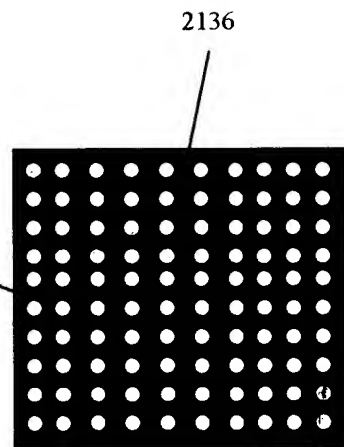


Figure 21E